Basle, the 1st of April 1846.

Dearly beloved Brethren,

The peace and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ reign in your hearts now and evermore.

It is with great satisfaction and contentment of heart, that I seize again the pen in order to continue the correspondence thus feebly begun and to strengthen the bond which bind us to each other. It would be fruitless to deny the impression caused by this exchange of thoughts between brethren unknown to face, but well known to the heart, as citizens of the same country in which Jesus Christ the Son of God, immortal and eternal, reigns for the welfare of them all. It is a refreshing feeling to know that He whose is the reign and the strength and the glory has taken our offenses upon Himself, has borne them on the cross, and freed us from the power of the Devil; these are the thoughts which occupy in these moments the hearts of them all who bow their knees to the Name of Jesus Christ, blessed for ever. To confess a Truth, it is painful to think that the heart of man is so desperately wicked that he thinks oftentimes only in those days on the great mystery of grace which was manifested in the flesh, on Jesus Christ, who is the Chief of our salvation: but that is consoling that he thinks on him in these moments. The reason why I do mention this, is that we, the Brethren of the missionary Institution, are for the most part, preparing to preach Christ crucified, in the neighbourhood of our Institution, and we are intending to declare to every one who is willing to hear the reason of our hope, that he must perish, if he does not turn with his heart to Jesus Christ, the Friend of Sinners.

Your details about the labours and fruits of the Society of Inquiry were a reason for us of thanksgivings for all the blessings you were blessed with: this is a free grace of Him who rules on the earth

and in the heaven; we were glad to hear that your work was not in vain in the Lord, but that He judged it worth his blessing: He is not a man that he repenteth of all the good he has done, He will sustain the work He has begun to the glory of his name.

We will now shortly inform you of the state of the Mission in our own Stations in West-Africa and in India. It is true, some brethren of our Institution are sent every year to the Germans settled in America and so it was the case a fortnight ago. If Br.-Wettle (for so is his name) had not taken his way towards New-Orleans, he would certainly have visited his brethren in Princeton, and brought them news of our Institution, but that was not possible.

With regard to the coast of West-Africa, we cannot but give glory and honour to our heavenly Father who is always willing to bless his poor and oftentimes unbelieving children. He had previously tried the faith of his servants to see if they would keep fast to his promise that Ham should lift his hand to Jehovah: he had called many of his servants, our brethren to an eternal rest, before they could begin the work of evangelisation among those cursed sons of Ham: he had put a bar between the predication and the heart of the hearers, but at last He has judged it well to throw open the doors that the messengers of peace could come in and preach the remission of sins through the faith in Jesus Christ. In the year 1844 the Committee sent away 3 messengers to West-Africa: the Lord has called one of them to Himself: this year the Comitee is willing to send three others more for the Conquest of that Coast. They are recommended to your prayers, whilst they are on the great waters: besides we have made the remark that throughout the year there is always one of us who is going on a pathless road, in which the fishes of the sea praise with their mute language the Creator of heaven and earth. The desire of the Negroes

for christian knowledge is growing continually in the young people, and they crowd round the missionaries to hear from them the words of everlasting life. But the dominion of the devil is of a great tenacity: the fetish-priests are always keeping the people in a brute ignorance, and try everywhere to annihilate the spreading of the Gospel in this country.

With reference to India, we have the joy to possess in our midst two of the Champions of the mission in the Canarese Country: one of them is coming from Mangalore, the other from Tellicherry, in the Province Malabar. On account of their being here, the monthly missionary meeting was appointed to be held by them. The chapel in which the service was performed, was crowded with people desirous of hearing the wonders of God amidst the Heathen. They gave us some notices of the rough work they had to undertake: a medley of languages and religions makes the labour the more difficult and the casts are a strong hinderance to the propagation of the Gospel in that country. However that land also will be the Lord's and his anointed for he will give him the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Therefore we are full of assurance that it will be so, for he has spoken it.

Of our own institution we can say that by the grace of the Almighty we have been preserved miraculously from all such events as might have proved fatal to our existence: the Lord our God has chastised us, but only with human rods, his hand was kindly turned towards us, and we had the feeling of his being among us. We had only a distant sight of the revolutions which are ravaging the different countries that border on us.

The situation of the Canton de Vaud is still pitiful, and Christians

differ in their opinions about the conduct of the Clergymen who have quitted the Establishment. Pray that God may help them out of the danger.

In a next letter we will give you some details about the festivals of our society; of the 1st July, and some notices about the institution.

In expectation of a kind answer, we remain

Dearly beloved Brethren

In the name of the members of the Missionary Institution

your's Samuel Dott Corresp. Secretary